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TITLE: DOES GLOBAL SOUTH EXPERTISE REALLY COUNT? HOW DO EXPERTS FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH NAVIGATE GLOBAL POWER STRUCTURES?

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Drawing on his extensive experience as a Global South expert in the international political arena, H.E. Endalew Mekonnen shares insights into navigating global systems of power and influence and what it means to represent the Global South on the world stage.

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